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# MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

The following points were discussed at the PSB meeting on 1 July 1953.

1. Our policy with regard to IIA Libraries. Harold Stassen raised the issue of "book burning" and said it was having an adverse psychological effect abroad and that some further action should be taken to meet the situation. It was suggested that the time of the transfer from State to the new independent agency would be an appropriate time to make a clear statement of Government policies and plans.

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3. There was general discussion of what should be done in the light of the riots in Berlin, East Germany, and Czechoslovakia and some consideration was given to the idea of making an offer of food to help out the East German workers. This was generally approved. Mr. Kyes stated that the Defense Establishment had some 70 million K-rations left over from World War II. They would not keep indefinitely but were still in good shape. He thought that some of these might be made available for emergency rationing purposes. It was decided that an ad hoc committee should consider the whole question of making food available for the East Berlin working population.

4. The Under Secretary of State reported on the proposed military mission to Thailand. Apparently the Thai's had been expecting a person with at least the rank of a lieutenant general. The Under Secretary asked Mr. Kyes whether this could not be arranged rather than send a major general as proposed. It was felt that a retired lieutenant general would fill the bill. Mr. Kyes undertook to look into it.

5. Mr. Stassen indicated that steps were being taken to set up and finance an appropriate organization to deal with the influx into Germany of refugees from Satellite countries. I said we were most interested in the matter and I would like to put someone in touch with his office to get the full details.

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